GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
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PRODUCTION OF COIR AND COIR PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of coir and coir products during each of last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the production of coir products have registered a declining growth during the above period ;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) the target fixed for production of coir and coir products during the year 2007- 2008 ; and

(e) the steps taken to further boost the production of coir and coir products ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MIISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) The details of State-wise production of coir during the last three years are as follows:

Quantity in MT

State	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Kerala	1,80,000	1,80,000	1,84,000
Tamil Nadu	1,01,200	1,12,200	1,19,000
Karnataka	36,900	40,900	43,000
Andhra Pradesh	28,900	32,900	41,500
Orissa	1,655	1,700	1,900
Others	15,345	17,300	20,600
Total	3,64,000	3,85,000	4,10,000

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

(d) The target fixed for production of coir during the year 2007-2008 is 4,70,000 M.T.

(e) The Coir Board, a statutory organization set up under the Coir Industries Act, 1953 implements various schemes for the development of coir industry in the country. With a view to assisting the coir sector in increasing production of coir products, enhancing its productivity, etc., the Coir Board, has been implementing the following programmes/schemes:
(i) For development of production infrastructure financial assistance is provided for setting up new coir units at the rate of 25 per cent of the cost of machinery, subject to a maximum of Rs.1.5 lakh.
(ii) Financial assistance for promoting domestic market for coir through publicity measures, Market Development Assistance to units in the cooperative and public sector, participation in trade fairs and exhibitions, maintenance of Coir Board Showrooms & Sales Depots to supply quality products at standard prices.
(iii) Training women artisans in spinning under the "Mahila Coir Yojana" which also provides subsidy of 75 per cent of the cost for purchase of (coir spinning) ratts.
(iv) Entrepreneur Development Programme and Quality Improvement Programme to promote enterprises and instill quality consciousness respectively.
(v) Intensification of research and development efforts for introducing new technologies for extraction and processing of coir fibres, development of machinery, product diversifications, introduction of new products etc.